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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the description:**

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11, as follows.

A/ — Load sensor 19 is attached to the rear of hinge structure for supporting platform 12. Referring to FIG. 2, load sensor 19 includes first plate 21 and second plate 22 that operate somewhat like the pivoting jaws of pliers to compress load spring 24. First plate 21 is welded or otherwise attached to beam 25, which is welded or otherwise suitable attached to sliding post 17. Second plate 22 is